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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE
CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
CHIEF, EE DIVISION
CHIEF, SR DIVISION

SUBJECT : Preparation of Staff Studies in accordance with PSB D-31, dated 26 November 1952

1. PSB D-31 establishes five courses of action as an interim strategic concept for a national psychological program with particular reference to cold war operations under NSC 10/5. The courses of action listed should be given greater emphasis than they are currently receiving, and satisfy the criteria of effectiveness, feasibility, acceptable risk, and flexibility. Detailed studies may reveal that effective action within some of these categories is beyond our capabilities. Accordingly, CIA is called upon to prepare individual priority studies with respect to each course of action. A particular course of action of direct concern to you is extracted below, as follows:

"Breeding Suspicion and Dissension Within the Communist System.

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"CIA should prepare a systematic priority study of personal targets and applicable techniques."

2. CFI is assigned the primary staff responsibility for coordinating with the appropriate area and staff divisions the preparation of studies outlined above.

3. It is desired that these studies be completed and submitted to DD/P-PPC by 15 March 1953.

FRANK G. WISNER
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